

### DOI Work Activity 7Z: Manage Candidate Species

<b>Program Area:</b>	Invasive Species
<b>End Outcome Goal:</b>	PEO 2 – Sustain Biological Communities on DOI Managed and Influenced Lands and Waters in a Manner Consistent with Obligations Regarding the Allocation and Use of Water
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b>	This activity does not align to an intermediate outcome
<b>DOI Sub process:</b>	4d - Conserve resources (perform resource treatments)

**Examples/Notes:** Candidate species are plants and animals for which the Fish and Wildlife Service has sufficient information on their biological status and threats to propose them as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, but for which development of a listing regulation is precluded by other higher priority listing activities. See website at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/candidates/index.html>.

Note: A candidate form provides status details for a species for which the Fish and Wildlife Service has sufficient information on biological vulnerability and threats to propose the species for listing, and for which the Director has approved its addition to the Service's Candidate list.

**Work Activity Description:** This activity includes the following tasks:

- Compile relevant information, write, review, brief, and approve candidate forms;
- Evaluate status of candidate and other species at risk;
- Conduct status survey;
- Enter information into Environmental Conservation Online System - Threatened and Endangered Species System database;
- Prepare and process candidate notices of review;
- Manage species of concern list;
- Coordinate with partners on status of candidates and other species at risk;
- Review, update, and approve recycled petition findings;
- Perform peer reviews;
- Conduct and review status reviews, including requests for technical assistance from National Marine Fisheries Service;
- Compile, analyze, and report digital spatial data; and
- Develop program policy and guidance

Activity also includes implementation of Candidate Conservation Actions. Tasks include the following:

- Perform status surveys and status reviews;
- Perform site visits;
- Develop and implement contracts, cooperative agreements, grant agreements, or funding memoranda, memoranda of understandings, conservation agreements, and/or candidate conservation agreements;
- Research;
- Provide technical assistance;
- Manage habitat and species;
- Prepare acquisition requests
- Conduct population monitoring;
- Assist with population augmentation;
- Consult on conservation agreements
- Identify law enforcement issues and concerns;
- Conduct Office of the Solicitor reviews, identify implications and ramifications;

- Coordinate permit reviews and briefings for regulatory notices;
- Hold public hearings for comments and responses;
- Ensure compliance with National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and National Historic Preservation Act;
- Perform intra-service Section 7 consultation;
- Compile, analyze, and report digital spatial data; and
- Update and maintain spatial database.

<b>Output:</b> Candidate actions	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Number of candidate actions processed
<b>Inputs:</b>	<b>Cost Drivers:</b>

**System Interfaces:**

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